



City of Seattle

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The Seattle Freight Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor, and all departments and offices of the City in development of a functional and efficient freight system and on all matters related to freight and the impact that actions by the City may have upon the freight environment.

City Council Resolution
31243

Seattle Freight Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: August 21, 2012 / 9:30 a.m.

Location: Seattle City Hall, L280

Members Present: Warren Aakervik, Linda Anderson, Bari Bookout, Terry Finn, Mike Sheehan, Cameron Williams

Guests Present: Frank Rose (Sysco Seattle), Jan Koslosky (Ocean Beauty Seafoods), Neal Komedal (Bicycle Advisory Board), Jodie Vice (Cleancescapes), Don Sandahl (Fehr & Peers), Thomas Noyes (WSDOT), Christine Wolf (Port of Seattle)

City Staff Present: Peter Hahn, Tracy Krawczyk, Cristina VanValkenburgh, Jude Willcher, Dongho Chang, Art Brochet, Terry Plumb, Kristen Simpson, Ruth Harper (all SDOT)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Warren Aakervik called the meeting to order. Board members, city staff, and other attendees introduced themselves.

2. Public Comment

Public comment was postponed to the end of the meeting.

3. Approval of minutes

The Board approved both the May and June 2012 minutes.

4. Chair's Report and Announcements

- a. Warren Aakervik discussed the vacancies on the Board. Bob Viggers may be back in September. Other ideas for new members include: Rob Smith from James Farrell and Co., Katherine Casseday, Doug Blundell from Salmon Bay Gravel, and Frank Rose from Sysco Seattle. Warren mentioned that some potential members have trouble with committing to a morning meeting, so it was suggested that an early afternoon meeting be considered in the future.
- b. Warren had spoken with Rob Scharf of SDOT about the 105th and Northgate Way project. The project will be starting in spring 2013, and the intersection with Corliss will continue to be investigated for improvement.
- c. Tracy Krawczyk gave an update about Freight Planning efforts. The three building blocks to move a freight master plan (FMP) forward have been brought to the Board this year. SDOT has been unable to identify the resources to start a FMP. The previously announced grant with the Port of Seattle, through PSRC, will provide \$280K to study "industrial freight access issues" (\$250K base grant plus \$30K City

match). The funds will be available in 2013. The scope for this study will be available for review in October or November. Peter Hahn noted that this study will be a great start to a FMP and that SDOT and the Port are very committed to this work.

Questions from the Board included:

- Is the study is only for the defined manufacturing and industrial areas? A: Yes, and also for the connections to the MICs.
- Will the Board be involved in consultant selection? A (Peter): Perhaps in interviews...we will give this some thought...SDOT will not be the only jurisdiction involved in consultant selection.
- How do we get full funding for a FMP? A (Peter): The \$280K freight access study is the start of a FMP. We don't know how much, but it's a good start. We will see what is missing, and then figure out what resources are available in 2013.
- Would the FMP include adjustments to policy? A: Yes, the "freight access study" will start to tease out policy issues.

5. 13th and Nickerson Improvements

Dongho Chang of SDOT discussed some suggested improvements at the intersection of 13th Ave W and W Nickerson St. A recent traffic study showed that the intersection met the warrant for a traffic signal. The proposal is to install a traffic signal and also pedestrian improvements including curb ramps and crosswalks. This would be an on-demand actuated signal. Funding will need to be identified for this improvement; design would likely take place in 2013.

Warren Aakervik wondered if the signal could be designed so that a large truck heading southbound on 13th Ave W could "trip" the signal while still lower on the hill, so that the a fully loaded semi would not have to stop at Nickerson while ascending the hill. Dongho pointed out that there are many fully loaded semis already travelling on Nickerson, and traffic flow on Nickerson remains the primary focus.

Dongho also discussed the traffic flow along Nickerson heading east to Westlake/Dexter south. Warren feels that there is more through traffic to Westlake/Dexter, and when the Fremont Bridge was closed, this traffic is held to one single through lane. He would like two lanes to go "straight" when the Fremont Bridge is closed. Dongho stated that he has analyzed this and changing to this traffic pattern would actually double the delays for all vehicles. Warren requested that SDOT take new traffic counts after all the Westlake/Mercer construction is over, as he feels that more traffic will be choosing this route at that time.

6. West Duwamish Trail Extension: Project Overview, Route Selection and Public Engagement

Terry Plumb and Art Brochet of SDOT presented the extension of the West Duwamish multi-use trail, which will extend from 2nd Ave S and S Holden St to the Duwamish River. The goal is to provide a paved and landscaped multi-use trail, separate from the roadway.

The exiting Bike and Pedestrian Master Plans show the trail extending on S Holden, but both S Holden and S Portland Streets have been evaluated as potential options. S Portland St is a bit flatter and not a bus route (S Holden is a bus route); it is also a calmer street (non-arterial), with direct access to the Port of Seattle's Riverside Dr. Park. SDOT is leaning towards changing the route to be along S Portland. The board members agreed and support S Portland as the route for the trail extension. The presentation full can be found at: <http://seattle.gov/SFAB/documents.htm>.

Warren asked if bikes can be restricted on major truck streets. Dongho stated that this is not possible, but certainly there are bicycle signs present that show preferred bike routes.

7. Board Work Planning Session

Six members (out of nine) were present for the work planning session. Bari Bookout and Christine Wolf had prepared a draft handout for members with suggested 2012-2013 topics. The focus continues to be to fund and prepare a Freight Master Plan which will inform freight policy in the City. The board helped SDOT staff understand their priorities on other various topics.

Public Comment

There was a discussion of potentially inviting independent truckers to a future meeting to hear their perspectives.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.